

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Colonel Dennis W. Pike's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, Colonel Pike has devoted over 37 years of his life to the service of this state and country, of which over 7 years were served as an enlisted field wireman, and over 30 years as an officer in several leadership roles for the South Dakota Army National Guard, including many staff directorate positions at the State Headquarters; and,

*Whereas*, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

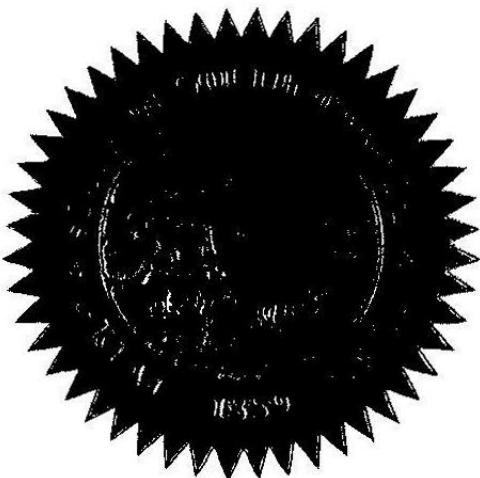
*Whereas*, Colonel Pike continues to give of himself; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Colonel Dennis W. Pike for over 37 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this country and state:

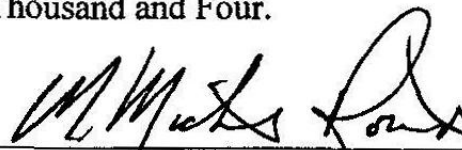
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 8, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State